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"18. The effect of aborted close air support missions on the accomplishment of the land commander's mission." (S)

STAG Comment: (TS) The SITREPS and MILREPS have recorded instances where operations were cancelled because air support could not be furnished due to weather. However, all indications are that weather has not caused as many aborts as might be thought. The sortie rates continued almost at the same rates per aircraft during the rainy season as during the dry season. With the introduction of the A-6 all weather aircraft, of which there are 11 now in Southeast Asia, this problem is partially overcome. This aircraft is designed to acquire a radar reflective target which permits the aircraft to home on a target and bomb out visual references on the ground. There has been no indications that flights have aborted recently because of a lack of FACs. There have been aircraft diversions from CAS caused by higher priority mission changes.

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